

United States in London, as requested by
our letter.
(Signed) U. S. GRANT

The question arises are line officers of the navy detailed and ordered by proper authority to disburse the public money within the meaning and intent of the act of 1833, and a executive order quoted.

Section sixth, act of April 24, 1816, third title, provides that all officers of the pay, commissary and quartermaster's departments, shall previous to their entering upon their respective duties, give good and sufficient bonds to the United States to fully account for all the money and public property

which they may receive, in such sum as the secretary of war shall direct. If these officers reason of their detail as acting assistant quartermasters become officers of the quartermaster department, they should give bonds as required by law; but if their status as line officers is not changed by such detail, and there is no provision of law requiring them to give bonds, I know of no law authorizing this department to advance public money to them for disbursement. The act of July 6, 1838, appears to make an exception in the case of engineer officers, and authorizes them to disburse money in certain cases. Although there is no law authorizing

requiring them to give bond, whatever exigencies of the service may require in way of detaching officers and men placing them by transfer in their hands for disbursement. I am of opinion that this department should advance public money only to aid officers, and to such other officers as expressly authorized by law to disburse. The first comptroller and the secretary of treasury have been consulted and concur in this view.

(Signed) E. D. CURTIS,
Acting comptroller.

W. W. FENNAP, secretary of war.

TELEGRAPHIC MARKETS.

[Special to The Constitution.]

WALL STREET, NEW YORK,
September 25, 6 P. M.

Money closed at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
Foreign exchange firmer; $\frac{1}{2}$ 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ for sixty
s; $\frac{1}{2}$ 86 for sight.
Governments closed firm; currency 6s
17 $\frac{1}{2}$ 17 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Gold dust at 94 $\frac{1}{2}$.
State bonds neglected; Virginia 6s old 32;

80; do. 1867, 80; consolidated 62; do. bond series 58; North Carolina 62 old Jan-
uary and July 20; North Carolina R. R.
January and July, 42; April and October
North Carolina fund act 1866 15; South
Carolina non-fund bonds 64; Georgia 6s 75;
Georgia 7s new 80; Georgia guaranteed bonds

Stocks closed strong at an advance of 1/4
from the lowest point of the day.
New York, September 25.—Gold 94.
Cotton—Spot cotton closed quiet and
firmal; light demand for spinning; some
traders refusing to sell unless a stipulation
made not to deliver on contract; ordinary

good ordinary 14½; strict good ordinary 15; middle middling 15½; middling 16½; good middling 17½; sales to spinners 471; speculation 369.

Futures closed steady; sales 19,300 bales; September 16 1.16; October 15½; November 15 5.32; December 15 3-16a15 7-32; January 15a15 13-32; February 15 21-32; March 15-16; April 16 11-32.

[Associated Press Reports.]

The Associated Press reports saw the close of the markets an hour later than the re special.

NEW YORK, September 25.—Cotton un-
der sales, 840 bales, at 15½-16a found

September deliveries ran up to 16 7-16 to-
day; shorts rushed into the spot market
driving higher for cotton, in order to cover
member contracts. Holders declined such
sales unless accompanied by stipulations
that the cotton should not be used to fill
member contracts. This checked the
movement and left the spot market nomi-
nally unchanged.

Cotton—Net receipts 139; gross 826 bales.
Futures closed steady; sales 31,300 bales;
September 16 1-32 1/4 1-16; October 15 7-32
November 15 1/4 5-32; December 15 3-

NEW YORK, September 25.—The following is the comparative statement for the week ending to-day:

receipts at all U. S. ports.....	45,802
the time last year.....	38,842
owing an increase.....	6,960
total receipts to date.....	94,789
the time last year.....	87,772
owing an increase.....	6,957
exports for the week.....	3,975
the time last year.....	51,716

ing a decrease.....	47,741
al exports to date.....	15,156
e time last year.....	26,597
wing a decrease.....	11,441
ok at all United States ports.....	129,507
e time last year.....	92,881
wing an increase.....	36,626
ok at all interior towns.....	23,237
e time last year.....	19,733
wing an increase.....	3,504
ok at Liverpool.....	777,000
e time last year.....	697,000
wing an increase.....	110,000
merican cotton afloat for Great Britain.....	14,000

time last year..... 19,000
ing an increase..... 6,000

ALTIMORE, September 25.—Cotton—Net receipts for the week 96 bales; sales 507; ports coastwise 232; sales 1,165; spinners' bales.

BRIELE, September 25.—Cotton quiet; net receipts 287 bales; sales 300; middlings 14; k 7,232; net receipts for the week 4,207; ports coastwise 2,673; sales 2,500.

GOVERNOR, September 25.—Cotton k \$,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, September 25.—Cotton regular; net receipts 2,591 bales; sales 1,000;

INDONESIA, September 25—Cotton net receipts for the week 454 bales; gross 3,387. **INDONESIA, September 25**—Cotton steady; higher; net receipts 1,650 bales; shipments 615; stock 3,973; net receipts for the week 5,190; shipments 3,141. **INDONESIA, September 25**—Cotton quiet; stock 8,000; net receipts for the week 210; sales 4,043; sales 1,000. **INDONESIA, September 25**—Cotton quiet steady; net receipts for the week 2,888; gross 2,888; shipments 2,349; stock

ALBANY, September 25.—Cotton steady; receipts 608 bales; sales 105; good ordinary 134; stock 15,768; net receipts for the week 6,248; gross 6,538; exports coastwise 1; sales 4,270.

ALMA, September 23.—Cotton dull; middlings 14; low middlings 134; good ordinary net receipts for the week 2,338; gross 8; shipments 1,514; stock 2,220.

BIRMINGHAM, September 25.—Cotton stock 13; net receipts for the week 4,352; exports Great Britain 93; coastwise 2,735; sales 10.

CLINTON, September 25.—Cotton dull;

MEMPHIS, September 25.—Cotton firm; receipts for the week 1,683 bales; gross 1,803; shipments 384; spinners 70; sales 1,803; stock 1,436.

MOBILE, September 25.—Cotton middlings low middlings 133; good ordinary 134a; net receipts for the week 1,792; gross 1,803; shipments 1,497; stock 2,190.

NASHVILLE, September 25.—Cotton net receipts for the week 209 bales; shipments 209; stock 3,600.

WILMINGTON, September 25.—Cotton firm; middlings 15; stock 648; net receipts for the week 633; exports coastwise 318; sea's sales.

PORT ROYAL, September 25.—Cotton alone; sales 114; net receipts 694 bales; sales stock 3,172; net receipts for the week; shipments 3,830; sales 2,527; spinners sales.

PORT ROYAL, September 25.—Net receipts the week 476; exports coastwise 476.

CHARLESTON, September 25.—Cotton firm; ordinary 131; stock 6,404; net receipts the week 6,969; gross 7,218; sales 4,400; exports coastwise 6,183.

YANKEE, September 25.—Cotton steady; receipts 2,316; sales 1,999; middlings 142; net 13,333; net receipts for the week 3; gross 12,857; exports coastwise 8,814.

DIANOLA, September 26.—Net receipts to week 35; exports coastwise 275.

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